

PLEASE vote NO on HB 5263

This bill will allow the processing of thousands of rabbits and will bring factory-like farming of rabbits to CT under the guise of promoting farming in the state.

THIS IS CRUEL and is a horrible idea.

1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats

2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling pet rabbits.

They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.

3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.

4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.

5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

Think kindly, please.

Respectfully,

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